



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re the Application of:

Marlow, et al.

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**PAPER ELIMINATION IN THE PRODUCTION OF BATTERY PLATES**

Our File: T8465812US2

Examiner: Boyer Dolinger Ashley

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Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the claims of the subject application as follows:

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